

## **LT. GOVERNOR JOHN GARAMENDI TO HONOR CALIFORNIA'S PURPLE HEART VETERANS SATURDAY AT CAPITOL CEREMONY**

The Lt. Governor will deliver his remarks at the California Purple Heart Veterans Day

**SACRAMENTO** - Lt. Governor John Garamendi will deliver remarks during Saturday's Purple Heart Ceremony to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who have been injured or killed while defending our country. California Purple Heart Veterans Day takes place on the second Saturday of August as designated by the California state legislature in 1991. Saturday's ceremony is sponsored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Capitol Chapter #385 and will take place on the West Steps of the State Capitol.

Garamendi has been a strong supporter of California's men and women who serve in the United States Armed Forces. He has made veterans' issues a priority in the Lt. Governor's office and is working to improve services for veterans throughout the state. Last month, Garamendi announced the appointment of Wade Sanders, former Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy and a decorated combat veteran, as his new Senior Advisor for Veterans and Military Affairs. Sanders, also a retired Navy Captain, will assist the Lt. Governor in developing and implementing initiatives to ensure that service members and veterans quickly and efficiently receive the services to which they are entitled.

**WHO:**Lt. Governor John Garamendi**WHEN:**10:30 a.m., Saturday, August 11, 2007**WHERE:**California State Capitol (West Steps)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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